

In the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached replacement sheet showing Figure 3.

Remarks

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Final Office Action dated October 21, 2004. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 have been amended. Therefore, Claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application.

In accordance with the Office Action, the drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for failing to show the connection for the "second circuit" of Claims 1, 8, 11, 18, 21 and 28. Figure 3 has been corrected to show an exemplary connection for the second circuit of Figure 4. No new matter has been added. Support for the corrections to Figure 3 may be found in the specification as originally filed at page 1, line 8; and page 2, lines 10-13 and 20-23; overlooking features known to those of ordinary skill in the pertinent art. Additional support for the corrections to Figure 3 may be found in the specification as originally filed at page 4, lines 3-7; page 5, lines 18-19; page 6, lines 13-20; page 8, lines 6-8; page 8, line 14 through page 9, line 3; page 9, line 11 through page 10, line 2; page 10, lines 10-15; page 11, lines 2-12; describing features of the present disclosure. In addition, further support for the corrections to Figure 3 may be found in the claims as originally filed, which constitute part of the original specification. For example, original Claims 1, 11 and 21 each set forth, *inter alia*, that the second circuit is "in signal communication with the bit lines".

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to

particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Amended Claim 5 recites, *inter alia*, "the third time is later than the second time by a predetermined interval". Amended Claim 5 is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Amended Claim 14 recites, *inter alia*, "the second time is later than the first time by a predetermined interval". Amended Claim 14 is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Amended Claim 15 recites, *inter alia*, "the third time is later than the second time by a predetermined interval". Amended Claim 15 is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Amended Claim 24 recites, *inter alia*, "the second time is later than the first time by a predetermined interval". Amended Claim 24 is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Amended Claim 25 recites, *inter alia*, "the third time is later than the second time by a predetermined interval". Amended Claim 25 is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Amended Claim 30 recites, *inter alia*, "the third circuit is activated by at least one precharge signal" Amended Claim 30 is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention, and are therefore in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner's indication that Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 would be allowable if the above-addressed rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph were overcome is gratefully acknowledged.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 5, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 30 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above. The Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-4, 6-13, 16-23 and 26-29 is gratefully acknowledged. Thus, each of Claims 1-30 is in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, reconsideration of the rejections and an early and favorable allowance of this case is earnestly solicited.

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